

## Michigan Will Have Presidential Primary

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan voters will get a closeup look at presidential candidates this spring, now that the legislature has passed the long-stalled presidential primary bill.

The Senate voted 34-1 Wednesday for a May 16 primary combined with the election of precinct delegates to county conventions. Gov. William Milliken, who called the bill "one of the most important reform measures to be passed by the legislature," is expected to sign it quickly.

The measure, already passed by the House, will bring to Michigan presidential contenders with their banners, bunting, bean feeds and ballyhoo not seen since the state's last presidential primary in 1928. The Michigan and Maryland primaries will be the 16th and 17th of 24 scheduled this year, starting with New Hampshire March 7 and ending with Arkansas June 27.

In addition, Michigan's 48 votes at the Republican National convention in San Diego, Calif., and 132 Democratic votes at Miami Beach, makes the state a juicy political plum for White House hopefuls.

Senate approval came defiantly after a serious roadblock was tossed in the path of the already much-amended, long-debated measure.

In the middle of Senate discussion Wednesday, the House asked to have the bill returned to tack on two more amendments. Senate Democrats and Republicans rushed to separate caucuses, many furious at the last-minute request.

When senators emerged half an hour later, they decided to reject the House request and take an immediate vote.

The amendments, proposed by Detroit Democratic Rep. William Ryan, speaker of the House, would have deleted references to "committed" or "uncommitted" on precinct delegate ballots. They also called for an additional precinct delegate election next August.

President Richard Nixon is assured of Michigan's Republican support. The top Democratic contender appears to be Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine because of probable backing by the United Auto Workers union.

However, prospects for less prominent candidates were brightened by last-minute changes in the bill.

A candidate would need only 5 per cent of the total vote of his party to get a share of the party convention delegates. Earlier versions of the bill called for 10 and 15 per cent.

The change could bring George Wallace into the Michigan Democratic presidential ring, with top state Democrats conceding him easy claim to a share of the delegates.

The lower qualification figure also could attract New York's Democratic congresswoman Rep. Shirley Chisholm, as well as GOP Reps. Paul N. McCloskey Jr. of California, and John M. Ashbrook of Ohio.

Selection of national convention delegates starts with the May 16 election of precinct delegates to county conventions. Precinct contenders will appear on the ballot either "committed" to a presidential candidate or "uncommitted."

County conventions will select state convention delegates, from whom national convention delegates will be chosen.

A presidential candidate who received, for example, 15 per cent of the Michigan popular vote, would get that percentage of national delegates, minus a portion allotted to uncommitted delegates.

Democrats, who wanted a precinct delegate election, and Republicans, demanding a presidential primary, yanked and tugged on the bill for over a month before agreeing on the combination.

Sen. Coleman Young of Detroit, Democratic floor leader who helped get the bill through the upper chamber, called it "a compromise between both parties, which at the same time opens up the political process for the people of Michigan."

### Wallace First To Enter

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A key aide to Alabama Gov. George Wallace says Wallace will enter Michigan's May 16 presidential primary as a Democrat.

Mike Griffin, ballot position coordinator for the Wallace campaign, said that although no decision on the Michigan primary has been announced publicly, it is virtually certain that the Alabama governor will enter.

The Michigan Legislature completed action Wednesday on a bill establishing a presidential primary. Signing by Gov. William Milliken is considered certain.

Griffin said the creation of a Michigan primary "was music to our ears. It's just like Florida's going to be."

Polls show Wallace running strongly as a Democrat in next month's Florida primary.

Running as a third-party presidential candidate in 1968, Wallace received about 331,968 votes in Michigan—about 10 per cent of the total cast.

Many political leaders and union officials feel he will do considerably better in a primary this year for several reasons. Strong opposition to busing for school integration is expected to gain support for the Alabamian among state voters.

Also, many political analysts feel that blue collar voters, who traditionally vote for the regular Democratic candidate in the general election, will be willing to vote for a maverick like Wallace in a primary.

"I'm sure we will be moving into Michigan with advance work pretty soon," Griffin said.

## Hughes Leaves Bahama Island Hotel Hideaway

By KENNETH GEFFERT  
Associated Press Writer  
NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Billionaire recluse Howard Hughes has moved out of his hotel hideaway here and may have left the Bahamas in secrecy, sources said today.

An official of Paradise Island Limited said Hughes may have left the island last weekend with a few members of his staff.

Paradise Island Limited owns and operates the Britannia Beach Hotel, where the 66-year-old industrialist has been reported living in seclusion since leaving Las Vegas, Nev., on Thanksgiving Eve in 1970.

One source said the 66-year-old industrialist might be headed for Mexico.

Hughes has not been seen publicly since 1953.

The Paradise Island official said several members of Hughes' staff, who remained at the hotel, "were escorted to the airport and asked to leave the country by (Bahamas) immigration officials Tuesday afternoon."

Immigration officials at Nassau could not be reached for comment.

Baltron Bethel, a senior Bahamian government official, said Hughes himself had not been ordered to leave the island.

But when asked whether any members of Hughes' staff had been asked to leave, Bethel replied: "Mr. Hughes' staff like any other staff of anyone else, must comply with immigration rules and procedures of the Bahamas."

Bethel, permanent secretary to the ministry of Home Affairs, the office responsible for immigration, said the matter was under investigation and declined further comment.

Three airplanes believed to be at the disposal of Hughes were at Nassau Airport.

Reliable sources had reported that immigration officials raided Hughes' ninth floor suite at the Britannia Beach Hotel here Wednesday to learn whether members of the Hughes staff had government work permits. A question on the status of his staff members had been raised last week in Parliament.

The report that Hughes had been ordered to leave was denied later today by Preston Albury, a member of Parliament. He said he had checked with Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Hannan and other government officials and had been assured the report was not correct.

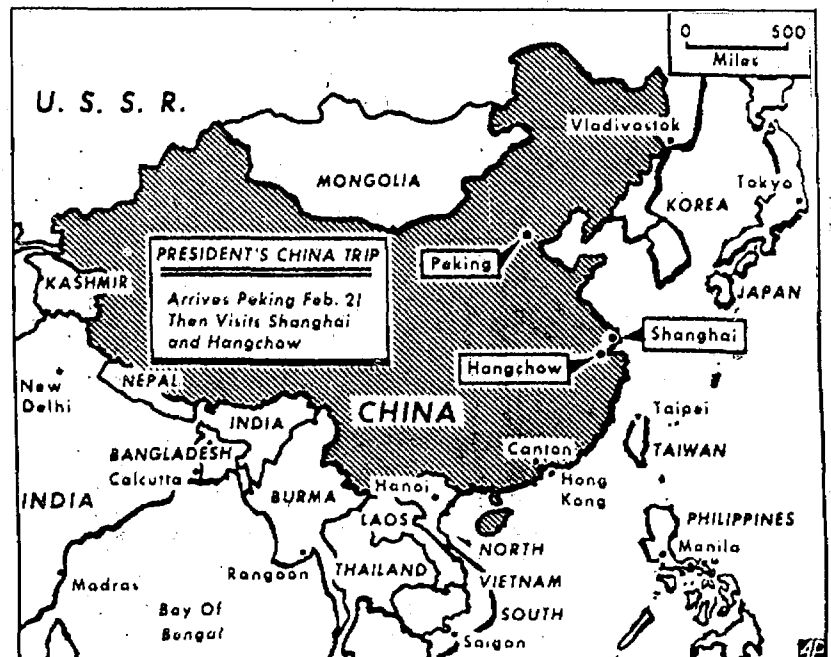
Albury said "people like the Hughes people" don't need work permits.

The report of the raid was denied in Los Angeles by Richard Hannah, publicity chief of Hughes Tool Co. He said his sources had told him there was no raid and that Hughes had decided to move out voluntarily. He said he did not know why Hughes was leaving.

Other Hughes sources said it was doubtful that Hughes would return to the United States because of legal actions over his holdings and the purported Hughes "autobiography" compiled by author Clifford Irving.

Ten porters from a local trucking company were seen carrying furniture and other items from the Hughes hideaway on Wednesday.

Among the items were a hospital bed, blood plasma stand,



OBJECT OF NIXON'S JOURNEY: This is a map of China showing Peking, Hangchow and Shanghai, three of the main points President Nixon will visit on his journey which began today. The president will arrive in Peking on time Sunday and will remain in China until Saturday, Feb. 26. (AP Wirephoto)

## Nixon's Off On Historic China Visit

### President Receives Big Sendoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, his wife and a handful of top aides set out today on a "Journey for Peace" to Communist China, expecting to make at least a start at erasing 20 years of hostility.

The presidential helicopter left the White House lawn at 10:18 a.m. after the President briefed 19 Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress. A brief departure ceremony was broadcast live on radio and television. The helicopter headed for Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

The presidential jet, the "Spirit of '76," took off from Andrews Air Force Base on the first long leg of the trip at 10:30 a.m.

School children, Cabinet secretaries and members of Congress were enlisted to wish him a fruitful journey. Two television mobile units entered the White House grounds about 24 hours in advance to prepare for live coverage of the President's departure at 10 a.m. EST.

Some 1,000 area school children were recruited by their teachers to show up for the first step in the first journey by any American president to China.

Some teachers confused the occasion with the traditional White House welcome for visiting heads of state and instructed students to place their hands over their hearts during playing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Chinese anthem.

The White House said this was all a mistake, that there would be no band.

However, a number of honor-guard troops from the area were assigned to decorate the departure ceremony of Nixon and wife Pat.

The Nixons are due in China Feb. 21 and will leave there Feb. 28—the longest time any chief executive has devoted to a single country since Woodrow Wilson went to Europe at the end of World War I.

Prior to his departure, Nixon summoned to the White House the Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress and ranking members of such potent committees as Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Appropriations.

By closing himself with the legislators until the virtual moment of departure from the executive mansion, Nixon insured himself of a bipartisan farewell.

From the White House, the President and his wife were bound for nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and a 10-hour nonstop flight to Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station on the northern shore of the Hawaiian

## Sheriff Irked By Fuss Over Amish

CENTREVILLE — The arrest and jailing of eight parents on school truancy charges involving their children has focused statewide publicity on this farming community as an example of the collision of the old Old Order Amish sect against modern school laws.

But the top lawman in charge doesn't see it that way.

"You people are playing this thing up too big, I'm getting tired of it," said Sheriff Neubert Balk to a reporter for this newspaper today.

The St. Joseph county sheriff said only two of the eight parents arrested are Amish and that as far as he is concerned it's just a simple case of a violation of state law. "If they'd send their kids to school they wouldn't have gone to jail," he said.

Truant Officer Darrell Lippis said the eight arrests in the past two weeks represented the last resort in clearing up some 50 to 60 child truancy cases in the county. He said warnings were given to parents and that most of them complied.

James Clark, assistant superintendent of the St. Joseph county intermediate school district, said that one of the underlying causes of controversy in the case is the way in which the police treated the parents following charges being filed against them. The parents were taken from their homes late at night, fingerprinted and photographed and then jailed until they could post \$100 bond.

Sheriff Balk said this was just routine procedure for cases involving district court warrants. "We treated them all the same," he said. The parents stayed in jail for varying lengths of time — 20 minutes, an hour, a day, two days, said Balk.

Under state law, children must attend school until the age of 16. Failure for parents to comply is a misdemeanor calling for a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail, \$100 fine and two years' probation.

The current dispute began when the county school district hired truant officer Lippis this year to investigate reported absences from the schools. In the past, truancy cases were handled by school social workers.

## Berrien Springs Schoolboy Killed Crossing Highway

A six-year-old boy crossing the road to wait for a school bus was struck by a car and killed this morning on US-31 about four miles north of Berrien Springs.

The victim, identified as Gary James Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, Box 188, US-31, Berrien Springs, was dead on arrival at Mercy hospital. He was the 10th traffic victim in Berrien county this year.

Mrs. Benford was driving south on US-31. Other details of the accident were not immediately available.

Berrien Deputy Sheriff Abbott Taylor said Gary and his brother, Terry, 8, apparently attempted to cross US-31 from the west to the east side to a school bus stop, located about one-quarter mile from their home. Gary was a first grade pupil at the Mars elementary school of the Berrien Springs school system.

## Gr. Rapids Recall Drive Is Pushed

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Plans for launching a petition drive to recall six of seven Grand Rapids city commissioners—including Mayor Lyman Parks—will be discussed tonight at a meeting of a citizen's group.

The drive is being led by former Mayor Robert Boelens.

Sponsors of the drive said the commission refused to fire the city manager and refused to submit a combined garbage and trash program to a public vote.

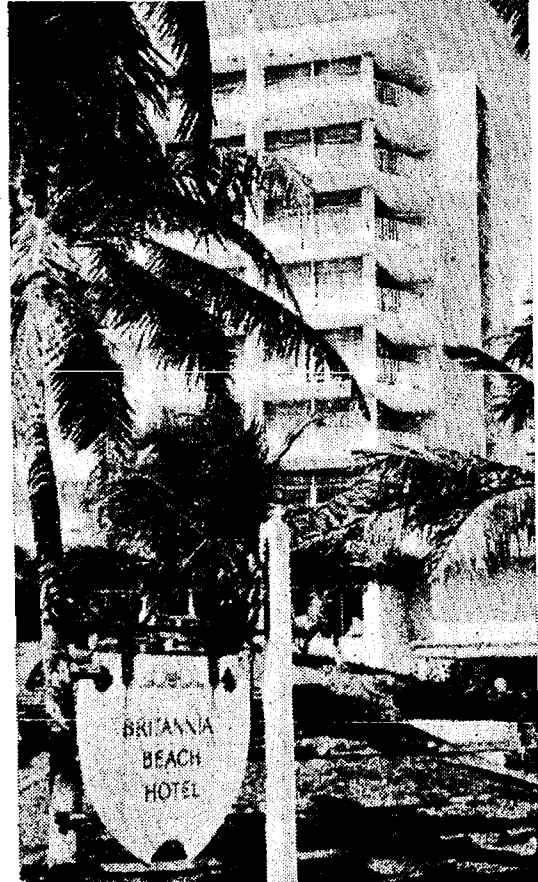
## Dogs Overdid Guardian Duty

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A man who wanted to see how his dogs would act if he pretended to be injured ended up getting shot by a motorist trying to help.

Police quoted Sam Davis as saying he lay in the street and "hollered and screamed" while his two dogs growled and snarled at anyone who tried to come near.

A passing motorist got a gun from his car and attempted to ward off the dogs, but his shot missed and hit Davis in the leg, police reported.

No charges were filed.



RAID REPORT DENIED: This is view of the Britannia Beach Hotel where billionaire recluse Howard Hughes reportedly has lived in a ninth-floor penthouse since Thanksgiving, 1970. Reliable sources reported Thursday that Bahamian immigration official raided the ninth floor to determine who was occupying the suite and if the occupants had work permits, but Hughes' whereabouts was unknown, the sources said. Hughes aides and Bahamian officials deny reports of a raid. (AP Wirephoto)

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## Editorial Page

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### Labor Giant Dies

August (Gus) Scholle's death finalizes the retirement of the most colorful figure in Michigan politics for the past generation.

He was born 67 years ago in Creighton, Pennsylvania. He quit high school when 16 to become a glass-blower. Later he taught himself the crafts of electrical wiring, carpentry, plumbing, photo-engraving and brick laying.

He became an ardent trade unionist in this learning period and came to the attention of John L. Lewis who in the mid-1930s was using his Mine Workers Union as the foundation for the industrywide type of union which became the CIO (Congress of Industrial Organization).

Lewis sent him into Michigan in 1937 as a CIO regional director.

Scholle devoted the following ten years to union affairs and then switched to the political arena during Kim Sigler's term as Governor.

He became enraged at Sigler in refusing to veto a workmen's compensation bill which Scholle charged was written by General Motors' Lansing lobbyists.

His first reaction was to toy with a third party movement based entirely on labor support.

Noting the odds against that direction, Scholle joined the establishment. He married organized labor to Michigan's Democratic party.

Though the most publicized progeny of that union was Soapy Williams' 14 years as Governor, Scholle steered the party along even more significant lines.

One was his role as the helmsman for the party's course and the king-maker of the major candidates to carry out that policy. Nobody emerged into the limelight nor took any significant

step unless Scholle first passed on the matter.

Very early in this pursuit he ousted some far out left wingers embarrassing to the CIO which was smarting under the jibe of some subordinate unions being Commie dominated.

His organization took over the wearying chore of voter registration, staging rallies, passing the hat and the other dull jobs necessary to glamorize a candidate for the legislature and other spots where the labor viewpoint could be seen and heeded.

His last major jousting came off a few years ago in spearheading the court tests on legislative apportionment which emerged in his one man-one vote advocacy.

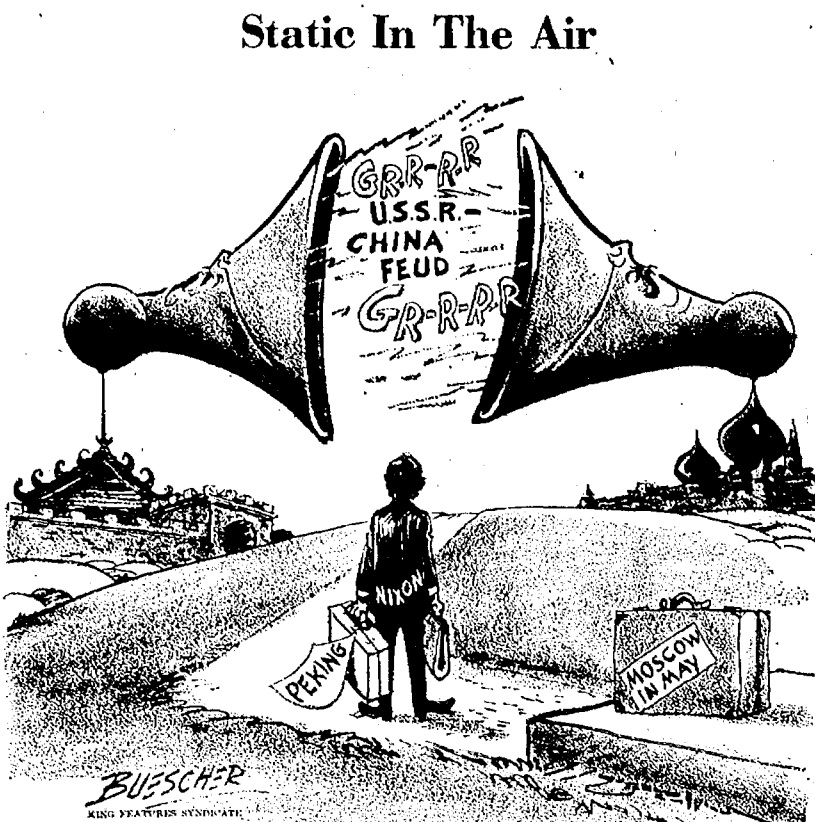
Scholle's only personal fling at public office was a disaster. The Republican incumbent in the 18th Congressional District buried him in a 1970 contest. It was, conceivably, a partial dividend from the UAW leaving the parent AFL-CIO. The loss of a major constituent affected his influence as state president in the parent organization.

He was a fearful opponent, alternately having the Michigan GOP in a frenzy or exhausted.

Indirectly and certainly not by his choosing, Scholle gave the Republicans a helping hand. He forced them to bring out candidates and take positions somewhat at variance with McKinley's age. It has been an uncomfortable changeover and many in the Old Guard still feel the game is not worth the candle.

Scholle's one-sided approach, nor any one-sided stand, is not the best solution for everyone concerned.

The man did, however, infuse a spark where none had been for a long time; and every so often somebody is needed to wake up the rest of us.



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### WATER SYSTEM DEADLINE SET

—1 Year Ago—  
St. Joseph township's water system should be in by November, Supervisor Orval L. Benson told trustees last night. The next question was what to do about sanitary sewers.

Woodruff and Sons, Inc., Michigan City, Ind., contractor, sent the water line engineers a schedule of construction that shows transmission lines in Fairplain all in by June and the main lines west of the St. Joseph river completed by July.

COLEMAN SPARKS LANCER VICTORY  
—10 Years Ago—  
A six-point scoring spree by

Lakeshore's Steve Coleman carried his team to a 49-41 triumph over Eau Claire last night in a Big Eight conference game played on the Cleveland Ave. hardwood.

Coleman's two set shots and a drive-in layup followed one another in quick succession.

#### DENY ESCAPED SHIPS UNHURT

—30 Years Ago—  
Germany lost the use of her 26,000 ton battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst "for some time to come" and Britain strengthened her command of the seas in last week's battle of the English channel, Prime Minister

#### Churchill declared today. IN NEW RESIDENCE

—40 Years Ago—  
Jay Wetzel and family are now occupying their new residence a half mile south of Glendora.

ON BUSINESS TRIP  
—50 Years Ago—  
W. R. Engel of the Crawford apartments has left for a business trip to Saginaw.

RETURNS FROM TRIP  
—60 Years Ago—  
Mrs. E. C. Davidson has returned from Port Huron, where she has been visiting relatives for a week.

CLUB TO MEET  
—80 Years Ago—  
The Pedro club will meet with Mrs. John Martin at her home on State street.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

#### MISS THE POINT IN HER LETTER

I'm very glad M. R. Shepherd answered my letter, but I'm concerned about the number of other people who also missed the meaning.

In essence, Shepherd said we could and should help the handicapped, hard of hearing, cancer and heart patients, but we should not dirty our hands with people who have mental illness, problems regarding weight, alcoholism, retarded children or adults, and the drug addict.

Do you know, Shepherd,

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

#### STOP AND THINK

Have you ever stopped to wonder Why God put you here on earth, And the things of nature He has in store for you, Right from the day of your birth.

The scent of Lilies of the Valley, Gardenias and lilacs in bloom, And all the other flowers In the balmy month of June.

New mown hay in the summertime, Fresh plowed ground in the spring, And when you stop and listen a minute You'll hear the song birds sing.

The turtle dove's lonesome coo at dawn, The Whippoorwill at night, Robins, wrens and cardinals, And geese in their northern flight, A woodpecker tapping a tune on a tree, The song of a lark and a chickadee.

These are just some of the things That have been here since your birth, So why not enjoy these beautiful things God put there here on earth?

Of course, if you live in the city, These things are not for you, Unless you visit the forest preserves Or see the birds in the zoo.

Your smells will be of gas fumes From buses, cars and trucks, Stagnant and polluted air, So you're just out of luck.

Most folks in the cities Are from down on the farm, And they are working for a pension And when they get it, they'll go back home, And leave the city with all its tension.

They'll go back home to enjoy these things That nature has for them since their birth, Hoping to live a hundred years, Before they leave this earth.

G. CARLSON,  
New Buffalo.

### Bruce Bissot

### What Did Peace

### Plank Really Say?



WASHINGTON (NEA) —

We don't have any firm evidence that Democratic voters this year are going to pick a presidential nominee on the basis of who was "first" against the Vietnam war. But Sen. George McGovern thinks they should and is getting stirred up about it.

His agitation is leading him to attack a fellow contender, Sen. Edmund Muskie. He is obviously resentful that the Nixon administration's assaults on Muskie for criticizing the President's peace proposals seem to make the Maine senator the top peace candidate.

McGovern, of course, was an early opponent of the war. One can sympathize with him at this moment. For a year, he has been charged with being a one-issue candidate. That's bad enough. But then to have the Nixon crowd help Muskie take the issue from him!

So, on the record today are McGovern's arguments that Muskie, along with candidates Hubert Humphrey and Henry Jackson, is right in there with Nixon himself; that Muskie is one of the "architects" of Vietnam war policy; that Muskie proved his incapacity for leadership by opposing the "peace plank" in the 1968 Democratic platform.

It's this last charge that interests me the most. Only if you were for the peace plank, says McGovern, can you offer the credentials of purity as an antiwar candidate.

Well, now, what did that plank say?

On the subject of getting out of Vietnam:

"... mutual withdrawal of all United States forces and all North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam ... over

a relatively short period of time." This matter, by the way, to be negotiated at Paris.

On U. S. bombing: "... an unconditional end to all bombing of North Vietnam while continuing to provide in the South all necessary air and other support for American troops."

That language naturally has meaning only when set in comparative framework. How does it measure against the wording of the "majority plank" adopted by the 1968 convention, after drafting by pro-Humphrey forces with a compelling assist from Lyndon Johnson?

The majority plank on troop pullout:

"We reject as unacceptable a unilateral withdrawal ... We strongly support the Paris talks (to negotiate withdrawal) ..."

On bombing: "Stop all bombing of North Vietnam (but only) when the action would not endanger the lives of our troops ..."

Only a difference of tone thus separates the two planks on the pullout question. Neither urges unilateral withdrawal. The majority plank declares against it openly, the peace plank just turns it around and calls for "mutual withdrawal."

Is this the cutting edge on which presidents are to be made or destroyed? If so, then McGovern and every other dovish Democrat should work for Richard Nixon's election. Since mid-1969, he has been engaged in the unilateral withdrawal of our Vietnam forces, a course no prominent Democratic dove advocated through 1968. The President's actions have reduced BOTH 1968 Democratic planks to very timid fare.

### Jeffrey H. H.

### Aide's Charges

### Hit The Mark



H. R. "Bob" Haldeman, Nixon's guardian-at-the-gate at the entrance of the Oval Office, suddenly finds himself, of all things, Joe McCarthy reincarnate. Democratic National Chairman Larry O'Brien reached out instantly to the trusty shade of Old Joe in responding to those remarks by Haldeman on NBC's Today show, and called them "a chilling reminder of similar rhetoric employed by others in the darker days of the 1950's."

Mike Mansfield announced with a straight face that Haldeman was trying to abolish the First Amendment, and Mayor John V. Lindsay ruled him incompatible with democracy.

It's a tempest in a teapot, of course, but, even so, not an uninteresting one. Haldeman's offense was to observe publicly that certain unnamed Democrats were "consciously" aiding the enemy in Vietnam. Certainly an un-diplomatic thought. But is it also untrue?

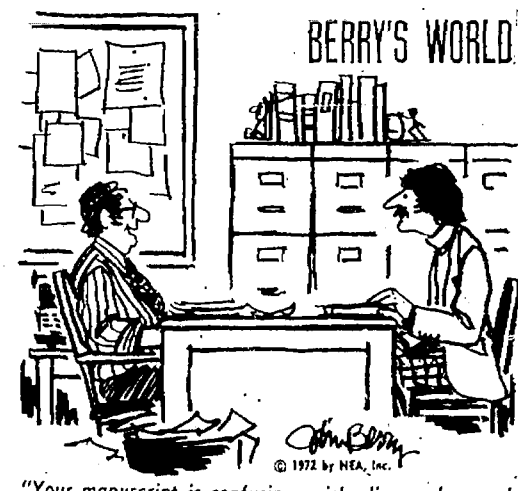
Sen. George McGovern naturally thought that Haldeman had him in mind, and responded with a vehement defense of his own patriotism,

which is fair enough. But McGovern has also put forward his own "peace plan" for Vietnam. He maintains that we should cut off all aid to South Vietnam by May 1, end recognition of the Thieu government, withdraw all U.S. troops from Vietnam, and halt all air strikes against the infiltration routes and other targets.

Now this coincides precisely with the proposals the Communists have been putting forth in Paris. Furthermore, it would ensure the attainment of their goal, i.e., a takeover in the South. What they have not been able to achieve by force of arms, McGovern would obligingly concede.

Returning now to Haldeman's TV statement, there can be no doubt that McGovern's position does "aid the enemy," in the sense that a prominent American spokesman supports in toto the enemy's proposals. This, in turn, brings us to Haldeman's adverb "consciously." Is that word inaccurate or unfair? Only if Senator McGovern is "unconsciously" of the coincidence between his own position, and that of the enemy. And it is very difficult to believe that he is.

As Haldeman noted in elaboration during the TV interview, the President's eight-point plan does everything the liberal Democrats have been demanding. It admits the local Communists to a political role in the South. It establishes an interim administrative apparatus to oversee elections. It offers to negotiate an overall settlement. The one thing it does not do is to ensure the establishment of a Communist government in Saigon. "The only conclusion you can draw," Haldeman continued, "is that the President's critics are in favor of putting a Communist government in South Vietnam, and insisting that that be done, too. That's something we aren't going to do."



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### Doesn't Always Pay To Be Smart

Understating one's income is a common income tax fraud which the IRS unearths regularly.

One penalty is a 50 per cent assessment of what the tax would be had the taxpayer listed everything called for by the Form 1040.

Sticking the taxpayer with the penalty requires the IRS to demonstrate clear and convincing evidence of fraud.

The line between absent mindedness and purpose of mind can be a fine one. The IRS measures the distance by several criteria. The size of the omission has a bearing and the taxpayer's sophistication is another divining rod.

Recently the Tax Court had two penalty cases before it turning on this second point.

The IRS was gunning for an Ohio turkey farmer and a North Carolina accountant sporting a Phi Beta Kappa key.

The Court admonished the turkey farmer to keep better records than had

been his custom and slapped the penalty on the accountant.

It noted the Ohio countryman had only a sixth grade schooling worked long hours and like many farmers maintained meager paper records.

The accountant struck out. The Tax Court said his intelligence, business experience and formal education are such that he was certainly cognizant that he wasn't keeping accurate records.

The Court did not state it in so many words, but for practical purposes the law assumes some people should be more acquainted with its ramifications than others.

For what it's worth one other distinction separates the conflicting results.

The old farmer at least knew enough to hire a lawyer to plead his defense.

The accountant represented himself in contravention of the old maxim that the lawyer who handles his own case has a fool for a client.

### This May Work

In the fear of the drug culture in which heroin and other opium derivatives are producing addicts, the amphetamines have fallen suspect. People have been noticing that a lot of amphetamine sulfate pills are on the market for the number of ills for which they're not designed.

There is also evidence beyond the reasonable doubts of most that there are more of them on the illicit market than the licit.

For that reason, the U.S. government has cracked down on production. It's a dramatic cutback, 82 percent below last year's.

Heroin is a menace which looms

over abroad. The amphetamines are strictly homemade. A quota has been placed on exports. There was a suspicion that a large percentage of the amphetamines exported to Mexico legally returned to this country illegally.

Amphetamines cannot be compared to heroin in lethal qualities. Still, different individuals react to different drugs in different ways. Amphetamines are the kind of drug which should be administered and controlled by a physician's prescription.

All in all, the government crackdown is a wise step. Among its benefits: in the frustrating fight against dangerous drugs, this is a program that might work.

The Pope drew his title pontiff (bridge builder) from pagan priests whose rites appeased the River Tiber's rage at being spanned, recalls National Geographic Society's new book, "Great Religions of the World."

The word "carat" meant the weight of a carob tree seed, used long ago to weigh diamonds, National Geographic says. The metric carat, equal to 1-142nd of an ounce, now is in general use.

The gaseous element, helium, was detected on the sun by early solar scientists before it was discovered on Earth.

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## Skidmore Moving To New Benton Factory



**SKIDMORE MOVING TO BENTON TOWNSHIP:** This is the Skidmore Pumps factory in St. Joseph which is moving from its site along the river to the Pipestone Industrial District, Benton township. The St. Joseph factory building and the land it occupies

is being acquired by the Horan Redi-Mix, Inc., and will be used by the building material supplier as a maintenance depot for its equipment. (Staff photo)

## Horan Redi-Mix Buying SJ Plant Site

The paperwork is being finalized for the fourth occupant of the Pipestone Industrial Park.

Skidmore Pumps, a subsidiary of Sta-Rite Products, Inc., is moving from its harborfront site in St. Joseph to a 10-acre plot on Dewey avenue opposite the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's new maintenance and parts storage building whose construction is near at hand.

The plans call for Skidmore to erect a single story, steel fabricated structure totalling 44,000 square feet. Pearson Construction company has the general contract for the job.

Excluding moving costs and additional equipment, the move is an approximate

\$530,000 investment, divided \$80,000 for land and \$470,000 for the building.

August 15th is the occupation target date.

Horan Redi-Mix, Inc., is buying the Skidmore property in St. Joseph which adjoins a sizable wharfage site for boat-delivered gravel, stone and comparable ingredients for concrete. Horan will use the Skidmore plant of 28,000 square feet as a maintenance depot for its trucks and other equipment. The land area itself totals 2½ acres.

The larger space in the Pipestone Park will enable Skidmore to perform other work now handled by another Sta-Rite affiliate.

Skidmore is one of the older Twin City industries from a

standpoint of continuous operation.

Its founder, Benjamin Skidmore, started the business at Chicago in 1921.

He moved the operation to St. Joseph in 1930, taking over the building then occupied by the old Engberg Electric Works.

Upon the death of the founder in 1950, ownership passed to Vernon F. Radde and his family. Radde had joined the organization as an engineer in 1931.

The Radde sold the plant to Sta-Rite in 1965. The Delavan, Wis., based conglomerate has numerous plants producing a diversified line of mechanical and electrical products.

### BANKS CLOSED

## Monday Is Holiday For Some Offices

Financial institutions, federal and county offices and most municipal offices will be closed in the Twin Cities area Monday, in observance of Washington's birthday. State offices, however, will be open.

The legal holiday, formerly

on Feb. 22, has been legislated to the third Monday of the month to provide governmental employees, especially at the federal level, a three-day weekend holiday.

The Benton Harbor city hall will be open as usual on

Monday, however, and trash pickups will be made on the Monday schedule. Although Benton township and St. Joseph township offices will be closed Monday, trash pickups will be made as usual.

St. Joseph city hall will be closed and Monday's trash collections will be made on Tuesday next week.

Because all financial institutions in the area are closed Saturdays and also will be closed next Monday, residents are advised to do their banking business by closing time Friday. Closing time Friday is 6 p.m. at Inter-City bank and Peoples Savings association, Benton Harbor; Peoples State bank, St. Joseph, and St. Joseph Savings and Loan association.

Friday closing time is 6:30 p.m. at Farmers and Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor, and the Fairplain branch of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan.

The Berrien county courthouse will be closed Monday. Circuit and Fifth district courts also will be closed.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph postoffices reported that there will be no regular mail deliveries Monday and business windows will be closed. Special delivery mail will be delivered and holiday collections will be made. Lobbies will be open for lock box patrons.

Other federal offices, including the Social Security office, will be closed.

State offices, including the Michigan Employment Security commission and auto license bureau, will be open.

Also closed Monday will be the U.S. Selective service office, 167 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor.

## Printer's Speech A Winner

James F. Baxter, 39, a printer with a winning way with the spoken word, is Mainstreet Toastmasters' speech contest winner.

Baxter, manager of printing services for Whirlpool Corp., gave a patriotic address last night at the Chicken Nook, St. Joseph, to beat out three other contestants. His talk on "Americanism was entitled 'Let Freedom Ring' and he defended American pioneers, statesmen and soldiers.

A careful word craftsman, Baxter has won 11 of 12 speech sessions he has entered. His lone loss was in last year's club contest. He will represent Mainstreet Toastmasters in an area contest in March.

Robert Kivel, whose speech entitled "Who Cares, Who Cares," was also on patriotism, was second. Third was club president Ken Herman who argued against the "Two-



JAMES F. BAXTER  
Speech Contest Winner

headed Monster" of permitting 18-year-olds to drink intoxicants and legalizing marijuana.

The fourth speaker, Dick Derrick, who spoke on the subject, "From Now to Doomsday," was disqualified because he went over the time limit.

Frank Fello was toastmaster. Judges were Lloyd Shapleigh, Rex Crawford, Ken Heathcock and Lloyd Phillips.

## Twin City Camera Club Hosts Area Fans Sunday

The Twin City Camera Club will act as host to all Twin City and surrounding area camera fans this coming Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at the St. Joseph high school auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

This free annual event is presented as a public service to the general public at which time all the winning slides and prints of the previous year are put on exhibition. A total of 430 slides and 134 prints comprise this year's event.

At a special competition held last Sunday afternoon the various winners were selected. Slide of the year entitled "Rapid" went to Henry Valerius of Bridgman. Second place was taken by Fred Schotz with his slide entitled "Joy". Third place went to

Joe Macica of Bridgman with a slide entitled "Monterey Sunset".

Winners in the point standings in Class A were: first place, Henry Valerius; second place, Ken Swayne; third place, Frank Cupp. In Class B slide category: first place, Robert Kunde; second place, Ken McKeown; third, Doug Cook.

In the print category the print of the year went to Eugene Heuser with a print entitled "Girl on Fence"; second and third place taken by Lucian Isdepski of South Bend, entitled "Mill Pond" and "Defiance". Winners in point standings in the black and white print category; class A: first place, Lucian Isdepski; second place, Her-

bert Hein; third place, Eugene Heuser. In Class B category for black and white prints: first place, Ernest Kramer; second place, John Smith; and third place, Mike Dubinsky.

There was 17 honorable mentions in the color competition and 11 honorable mentions in the print competition. Judges for the Sunday afternoon competition were Joe Trimmer, Lyle Johnson and Justin Tieri, all from the Grand Rapids Camera Club.

Macica, chairman of the Black and White division will have charge of the print exhibition. Paul Haring, color chairman, is in charge of the slide presentation. George Bentley, president of the club, will be master of ceremonies.

## MGU Names New Division Chief

William F. Eckles, 38, has been appointed manager of Michigan Gas Utilities company's western division, which includes the districts of Benton Harbor, South Haven, Grand Haven and Otsego, it was announced by John W. Hancock, president of the utility. Eckles will make his headquarters and will live in Benton Harbor.

Eckles comes to MGU from East Ohio Gas company where he was manager of the Youngstown district which serves 100,000 customers. He supervised 227 employees assigned to residential, commercial and industrial sales, operations and engineering and commercial functions.

Before his assignment to Youngstown, he was division sales supervisor of East Ohio's Akron division which serves 160,000 customers, and prior to these assignments, he was supervisor of that utility's Canton division which serves 100,000 customers and supervised 157 employees.

Eckles was born in New York City and moved with his family to Pittsburgh in 1945. He was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.



WILLIAM F. ECKLES

ering. He also took two years of advanced courses in soils and sanitary engineering at Pittsburgh.

Experienced in all phases of the gas distributing business, Eckles will be in charge of all activities in MGU's western division and will report directly to the president.

Eckles is married to Clarice J. Eckles, and they have six children, William, 14, Jeffrey, 13; Rebecca, 11; Mark, 9, Todd, 8, and Kurt, 6.

## Sewer Resolutions Approved By BPW

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) Wednesday approved a series of resolutions hopefully leading to Berrien county board of commissioner approval next Tuesday higher priced plans to finish the stalled Hickory creek sewer.

Meeting in special session in the courthouse, St. Joseph, the BPW received township resolutions in effect approving a \$681,300 estimated increased cost for the sewer line and went on to adopt resolutions to put the issue before the full county board next Tuesday.

Resolutions received by the BPW came from St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and pledge the townships to pay 36

and 64 per cent shares, respectively, of \$600,000 the BPW may have to borrow to finish the sewer line. Both townships would be served by it. The BPW earlier was told part or all of the extra cost to finish the sewer line may be met by government grants.

Resolutions adopted unanimously by the BPW Wednesday, with one member absent on vacation, will: Ask county commissioners to amend the original 1969 agreement to build the sewer line; ask commissioner for authority to issue \$600,000 in short-term notes if necessary; and authorize the BPW chairman and secretary to approve contract change orders and

stipulate to end a court fight over the sewer line after the county board of commissioners grants its okay.

Contractor Yerrington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor won a \$1.5 million contract in 1969 to build the sewer south of St. Joseph, walked off the job last year in a dispute with the county and county engineers, and filed suit to break its contract. After lengthy negotiations, the BPW learned the contractor is willing to forego a court fight and finish the job at increased cost by using steel rather than concrete pipe.

Lincoln and St. Joseph townships reluctantly approved the increased costs.



TOP LAWYERS: Major Einar Hjellemo of Oslo, Norway (second from left) drew comparisons between crime and justice in Norway and United States at luncheon Wednesday. From left: Lt. Carl Hulander, commander, Benton Harbor state police post; Hjellemo;

St. Joseph Police Chief Tom Gillespie; Berrien Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell; Van Buren Sheriff Richard Stump; Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran; and Benton Township Police Chief Joe Sieber. (Staff photo)

## Norwegian Policeman Compares Crime There And In U.S.

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Norway, with a population of some four million people, reported only 16 homicides last year.

Drug abuse, however, is beginning to increase, and Norwegian police can't use undercover agents during narcotics investigations.

These were some of the comparisons between Norway and the United States, as presented to about 30 Twin Cities area law enforcement officials Wednesday. The speaker was Major Einar O. Hjellemo of Oslo, Norway.

Hjellemo is a former police officer and relief, rehabilitation and administrative officer for the United Nations. He currently is lecturing for the Macomb County Community College.

Hjellemo, during a talk at Ramada Inn, Benton Harbor, termed Norway a nation that's free of violent crime because of full employment, absence of slums and strong cultural and family traditions. He termed the United States a high reward nation that incurs high risks among citizens and, ultimately, more crime. Some Norwegian laws are

stiff. For instance, a motorist may be convicted of drunken driving if blood tests show an alcohol content of .05 of one per cent. Here, the content is .15 and will be lowered to .10 next month. In Norway, a drunk driving conviction calls for an automatic 21-day jail sentence and loss of driver's license for two years.

However, if a person drives while his license is revoked, the conviction on this offense calls for only a modest fine — with no additional jail sentence. Here, a three-day jail term is mandatory for driving while a license is

suspended or revoked.

Hjellemo said narcotics is now becoming a problem, especially in Oslo, the capital city of 500,000 population. He noted that police there cannot be used as undercover agents to purchase suspected narcotics and make an arrest. This is termed "entrapment," the case is thrown out of court and the officer is reprimanded, the speaker said.

It was noted that in Norway, about 65 per cent of all crimes are misdemeanors, and police departments can accept fines for mis-

demeanors, if a person pleads guilty. This relieves court dockets. If a person pleads innocent, his case will be heard in magistrate court and the defendant may appeal a conviction to higher courts.

As to the Oslo police department, the speaker said it numbers about 1,100 officers, plus clerical help. This is considerably fewer than most U.S. cities of similar population, it was noted.

Hjellemo appeared in the Twin Cities to lecture to a Lake Michigan college class sponsored by the LMC law enforcement program.

## \$1 Million Recreation Center Plan Dead

### GOP Charges Dems Ramrod Welfare

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—A \$602.8 million welfare budget for the fiscal year starting in July was sent to the floor by the House Appropriations Committee Wednesday.

Release of the huge funding measure, 27 per cent of Gov. William Milliken's proposed \$2.27 billion budget, drew immediate blasts from Republi-

cans. They charged Democratic ramrodding prevented adequate study of soaring welfare costs and programs.

The criticism reversed GOP contentions all last year that majority Democrats were delaying final action on the issue to avoid compromising on spending levels.

The latest welfare bill is \$8.4 million over Milliken's recommendation and \$83 million more than the state provided in the current budget for welfare, old age assistance and other health subsidies largely determined by federal regulations.

Most controversy this year, as in the past, centers around the index of state Aid to Families of Dependent Children (AFDC) support.

### Milliken Unveils Plan To Reform Penal System

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken proposed several steps today for penal reform, including establishment of a state-level probation system.

In a special message on corrections, the governor told the legislature "we must convince the public that it is in their own interest to rehabilitate the men and women they send to prison."

Milliken said a statewide probation system within the Department of Corrections "would insure professional standards, high levels of training, and uniform practices which do not now exist" in the county-based program.

"We have a state system of parole," he said, "and we should have a state system of probation."

The governor said keeping a man on probation costs \$1 a day, compared to \$8 per day to keep him in prison.

Calling for better identification of persons who really belong behind bars, Milliken proposed a pre-sentence diagnosis facility in the corrections department.

"Many criminal offenders are not truly dangerous to others," he said, "though some are threats to themselves...we need better methods of distinguishing the truly dangerous from those who do not require custodial control."

He said the prison count in Michigan is rising at the rate of about 600 men a year—and a cost of \$12 million. He called this "a numbers game which we cannot win."

The governor said persons not requiring imprisonment could be housed in community "resident homes" and "counties could be reimbursed pro-

portionately to the number of men they maintain who would otherwise go to prison."

He also called for breaking up large penal institutions into smaller ones.

"Nothing is so deadly," he said, "as the massive institutionalization and regimentation of an oversized prison such as the State Prison of Southern Michigan."

"The governor appealed for improvement of training and education programs, recruitment of more members of minority groups as correctional employees, and development of better jobs for inmates."

"We must develop more guaranteed job placements for men trained in the penal institutions," Milliken said. "Private industry can help here, and labor unions need to assist as well, instead of, as in some cases, using a criminal record as an excuse not to hire."



GOV. MILLIKEN  
Wants Penal Reform



NEW TAX CHIEF: Francis D. "Fran" Rawlinson, 50, has taken the post of Berrien county tax equalization director replacing Charles Knapp, who left in November for another job. Rawlinson, Allegan county's first tax equalization director and who served there the past five years, brings to Berrien 22 years of experience in appraisal and tax fields. His annual salary is \$14,118. He's married, the father of four, and will move to Berrien when his Paw Paw-area home is sold.

### Baroda Dog Clinic Is Set For Saturday

BARODA — A dog vaccination clinic will be held Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Baroda fire station, according to township treasurer Arthur Rochau.

Rochau said licenses would also be available at the station during the clinic.

PATROLS STEPPED UP  
DETROIT (AP) — Detroit police are stepping up their patrols in the city's Indian Village area, where Dr. Herbert Livingston, a Wayne State University chemistry professor, was fatally stabbed Tuesday in his home.

### Lakeshore Longhairs Plan Dance Saturday

A dance will be sponsored Saturday by eight Lakeshore high school students to raise money for attorney fees in their dispute with school officials over long hair.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Stevensville American Legion hall, Johnson road, according to Peter Graber, one of the students.

A \$1.25 donation will be accepted at the door. Music will be provided by Nimbus, a local rock group, and others, Graber said.

Graber said proceeds will help pay attorney fees during negotiations with school officials over the Lakeshore dress code, which prohibits male hair below the bottom of the collar.

Also Saturday, between 2 and 4 p.m., most of the sponsoring students will be in the Legion hall to conduct a rap session with student rights as the topic.

### Money, Support Lacking

Berrien  
Millage Vote  
Is Required

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

The Berrien County Parks and Recreation commission learned last night that a proposed \$1 million indoor recreation center on the Lake Michigan college campus is virtually a dead item.

But at the same time, the commission moved to ask voters of the county to approve four-tenths of a mill at the Nov. 7 election for the purchase and development of park sites and for recreation programs. The millage would raise an estimated \$300,000 a year.

A resolution was addressed to the county board of commissioners asking the county governing body to put the millage request on the ballot.

The county recreation center at LMC, a balloon that rose last December, came crashing down for two reasons, PRC members were told last night. One, trustees of the proposed site are cold toward the idea. Two, probably not enough state-federal money will be available to build it.

The request for a county-wide referendum Nov. 7 on the 4 of a mill was approved by the PRC in a 4-1 vote and likely will be offered for approval of the full county board of commissioners next Tuesday. It would run 10 years.

Harry Nye's resolution to hold the referendum followed the news on the proposed county recreation center and lengthy discussion by PRC members on park plans, recreation plans and millage.

It also followed the introduction of a new county employee, William M. Gebhard, 25, a "parks and recreation coordinator" to work with the PRC.

Gebhard is a Dowagiac native, attended seminars in Grand Rapids and Detroit, and recently returned from four years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. In the Philippines he spent 2½ years in malaria eradication and 1½ years on the technical staff of a provincial development council.

He and his wife, Terresita, and infant daughter, Christina, live at 5255 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville. His \$8,500 a year salary is paid by



WILLIAM M. GEBHARD  
Parks Coordinator

federal emergency employment funds.

PRC members learned of the virtual demise of the proposed county recreation center, which was to have been funded equally by state and federal governments, from Nye, PRC Chairman Bun Baldwin, and Thomas Sinn, Berrien planning director.

They said the attitude of LMC trustees toward the college site for the recreation center is reported to be overwhelmingly negative and further that half of the proposed center's cost apparently will not be available from federal sources.

The PRC had asked for \$500,000 from the state and planned to seek \$500,000 from federal government. But it has discovered the federal Housing and Urban Development department has but \$200,000 to spend in all Michigan, with Indian reservations and Model Cities areas having first priority, Sinn reported.

He quoted a state department of natural resources official as saying the "bare bones" cost of a center the county should have is \$700,000, or more than appears available.

Nye introduced a resolution for the PRC millage by noting that available parkland is dwindling while the need is growing.

"The alternative is to do nothing..." he said.

He recommended spending the estimated \$300,000 annual millage revenue in equal thirds on land acquisition, parkland development, and general parks and recreation administration.

Drain Commissioner Hazen Harner, a member of PRC, cast the lone "No" vote saying "I think we should have a plan before we present this."

Sinn later noted the PRC has been investigating a half-dozen potential outdoor recreation sites throughout the county, such as county-owned land near Berrien General Hospital at Berrien Center, but can't mention most of them specifically because they're not in county control. "These sites are included in those areas specified as major outdoor resource areas in the county park plan (adopted about 1½ years ago) principally located along Lake Michigan, along major river floodplains and inland lakes," he added.

If approved, the \$300,000 would begin rolling in by late 1973.

### Civil Defense Chiefs To Meet At Cook Plant

Some 50 Civil Defense directors from throughout southern Michigan will hold a business-luncheon session Wednesday, March 15, at the Cook nuclear plant visitors' center near Bridgman, according to State Police Sgt. Richard E. Gordenier, field coordinator of emergency services division.

### Traffic Deaths

Michigan Traffic Deaths  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Feb. 17 State Police Count  
This Year 234  
Last Year 203

### Unruh Opposed To Merger Of Police At Coloma

COLOMA — This city's police chief, Kenneth Unruh is against a proposed merger of the city and township police forces.

In a statement issued following a conference with Mayor Glenn Randall, Unruh said he is opposing the possibility because of concern over possible reduction of protection for the city.

He said that to insure proper patrols under a merger it would be necessary to take a car outside the city limits a great deal of the time, thus leaving the city without "business district" patrols.

"In summer months, particularly, this type of patrol is a necessity," he said.

"In event of merger," said Unruh, "the city would not doubt realize a savings. But, the savings would certainly be offset by the loss of protection to the city proper."

Chief Unruh said both departments get along real good right now. "We work together, but I can't see any advantage to combining departments."

Coloma city has a three-man department and the township has four men. "To equalize this," Unruh said "the city would have to reinstate a fourth officer or there would be hours during



KENNETH UNRUH  
Chief Opposes Merger

the day and night shifts when one officer and one car would have to handle all calls and patrols in both the township and the city.

Chief Unruh said Coloma township police department is one of the finest in southwestern Michigan, and they are doing an excellent job. "But, I for one, would certainly not want to see the taxpayers of the city go to bed at night wondering how long it would take our officers to answer our call in our city."

Both city and township officials have been studying the possibility of a merger, but no official action has been taken.

The original suggestion to merge the departments "in order to save tax dollars" was made in December 1970 by Township Supervisor Roger Carter.

At present, both departments work out of a central police dispatch and assist each other on serious complaints and at personal injury accidents.

### Juvenile Accused In Break-In

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A second person was arrested early this morning in connection with a break-in at Ben's Trading post on US-31 Friday night.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies at Gallien substation arrested a 14-year-old juvenile who was petitioned into juvenile court and released to the custody of his parents.

Yesterday, deputies arrested Johnny R. Baker, 17, of route 2, US-31, Berrien Springs, on a charge of breaking and entering. He demanded examination at his arraignment in Fifth district court, St. Joseph, and was confined in jail in lieu of posting \$1,500 bond.

Police said the pair is charged with a break-in at Ben's Trading Post, US-31 and Pokagon road, south of Berrien Springs. A cassette player and about 30 tapes were reported stolen.

### Six Persons Trying For Bangor Posts

BANGOR — Three incumbents and three newcomers will be vying for city office here in the April 3 election.

James McLarty, current mayor, will run unopposed for the office.

Two incumbents, Joseph Distefano and Alfred Lindberg, will be competing with newcomers Leroy Gough, Harold Lafler and Stanley Horton for three seats on the city council.

Councilman Angelo Rigozzi will not seek re-election. The candidates filed nominating petitions with City Clerk John McDuff by deadline on Monday.

## Dowagiac Teachers, Students Ask For More 'Mini-Courses'

By LYLE SUMERIX  
Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — I imagine, for a moment, a chemistry instructor teaching a class in auto mechanics for girls.

Swimming instruction being offered by a team comprised of the head of the English department, a biology teacher and a mathematics teacher.

A junior high guidance counselor teaching motorcycle repair, rocket building taught by a vocal music instructor; an English teacher giving hints on child care, or ballet by student teachers.

Imagine student attendance jumping from about 85 per cent to 95 per cent or greater, or students commenting, "We can't have snow days, we might miss something."

"A unique experience" was the way Dowagiac High School Principal Arnold Schten summed up the college-type program held at Dowagiac last month.

"From the reaction of teachers and students, they want to do it again in the spring, only for a longer period," said Schten.

The experiment in education was officially known as "mini-courses."

For one-week, regular scheduling was abandoned, and the high school became an open campus. Some 70 to 80 courses were offered, with "something for everyone."

Course offerings were broken into three 2½ hour sessions daily, with students selecting one morning and one afternoon

course.

Schten said very few teachers were found in their regular classroom setting. Instead, teachers were allowed to teach in any area they wanted, just as students were given a free choice in class selection.

"This gave us an opportunity to take advantage of the special interests and hobbies of teachers," said Schten. "It gave teachers and students a chance to meet on a common interest ground and tended to 'humanize' teachers."

"We also used many people and other resources throughout the community."

Most of the subjects were offered on school grounds, but as many as 200 of the 820 students

involved were "off campus" at a time. The experiment involved only grades 10-12.

One outcome of the experiment is that teachers in English, social studies and physical education departments have already requested the school year be set up as four nine-week sessions, instead of the traditional two 18-week periods.

The English department is creating a course on how to set up a new English curriculum, with teachers and students working together. This course will be offered in the final nine weeks of the semester.

Schten said there will be no attempt to change basic education requirements, such as three

years of English. "What is being attempted is to relate subject matter more to student interests."

The principal said the experiment also has caused the administration to take a new look at vocational offerings. Some of the areas being investigated include graphic arts, electronics, auto mechanics, food preparation and services, cosmology, automotive body repair, photography and aviation.

"A most satisfying aspect of the experiment," concluded Schten, "was parent enthusiasm. Parents were heard talking about it in beauty shops, barber shops and in the grocery stores — all favorably."